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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP OF RECENT LIBERATION GROUP ACTIVITIES

1. SUMMARY. BELLIGERENT COMMUNIQUE BY FNLA; THOUGHTFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECHES BY SAVIMBI AND THE PROSPECT OF NETO'S ARRIVAL MARKED THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. ED SUMMARY.

2. FNLA, IN WHAT IS FAST BECOMING ITS STYLE, ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ON FEBRUARY 2 AND 3 ATTACKING AGITATORS (I.E. MPLA) WHO ARE TRYING TO UPSET THE LOCAL ORDER. FNLA "COUNSELS" THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT IT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PUT AN END TO THESE "DISHONEST PRACTICES" AND "HIGHLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES" OR IT COULD UPSET THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LIBERATION GROUPS. IN THE SAME VEIN HENDRIK VAAL NETO, FORMER HEAD OF FNLA'S LUANDA BUREAU AND NOW SECRETARY OF INFORMATION IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, MADE A SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 2 DISPARAGING THE "LIVING ROOM REVOLUTIONARIES" WHO RUN THE OFFICIAL RADIO, DOMINATE THE CIVIL SERVICE AND ARE TO BE FOUND ALL OVER THE CITY. THEY TOOK UP THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION,

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HE SAID, ONLY AFTER ALL DANGER WAS PAST, A REFERENCE TO MPLA'S

BASE OF SUPPORT AMONG THE EDUCATED WHITES AND BLACKS WHO SWITCHED ALLEGIANCE FROM THE PORTUGUESE AFTER APRIL 25 AND ARE NOW TRYING TO ESTABLISH THEIR CREDENTIALS BY ASSUMING LEFTIST POSTURES.

3. AT A MAJOR UNITA RALLY IN NOVA LISBOA JONAS SAVIMBI AGAIN CALLED FOR AN END TO THE WAVE OF CRIPPLING STRIKES THAT "BENEFIT NO ONE" AND THAT ARE UNNECESSARY "SINCE THE LIBERATION GROUPS ARE IN POWER NOW AND WE WILL SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS." HE SAID HE WOULD VISIT LUANDA IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. IN A TYPICAL GESTURE HE CONGRATULATED HOLDEN ROBERTO AND AGOSTINHO NETO FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES THAT LED TO THE MOMBASA AND ALVOR AGREEMENTS, AND HE CALLED UPON ALL THE MOVEMENTS TO PERMIT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ACT IN THE GREATER INTERESTS OF ANGOLA RATHER THAN FOR PAROCHIAL PARTY ENDS.

4. MPLA WAS VERY SUBDUED LAST WEEK IN THE FACE OF FNLA'S PROVOCATIONS. THEIR ONLY PUBLIC RELATIONS GESTURES HAVE BEEN AIMED AT MUSTERING THEIR MASSES TO GREET NETO WHEN HE ARRIVES IN LUANDA ON FEBRUARY 4 TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF MPLA'S ABORTIVE UPRISING IN LUANDA IN 1961 THAT MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGAL.

5. WE FEEL THESE LAST FEW DAYS ARE INDICATIVE OF THE STRATEGIES EACH MOVEMENT WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FNLA IS ASSUMING THE ROLE OF LAW-AND-ORDER OR ELSE, BULLYING A MILITARILY IMPETENT MPLA AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. MPLA, PERHAPS DISCOVERING BELATEDLY THAT DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR, NO LONGER OPENLY TAUNTS FNLA. UNITA CONTINUES TO FULFILL THE CONCILIATORY ROLE, READY TO PATCH UP ALL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FNLA AND MPLA FOR THE GREATER NATIONAL GOOD, BUT ALSO NOT BEING TERRIBLY UPSET WHEN FNLA PUSHES MPLA AROUND.
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